from the Central as well as State authorities from environmental angle. It is for the State Electricity Board to ensure that these are tied up first.

Inspection by RBI into accounts of banks involved in Securities Scam

*491. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 81 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the dates of inspection of accounts of the banks involved in the securities scam by the Reserve Bank of India during 1990 and 1991;

(b) whether the inspection reports indicated any irregularity in sale and purchase of securities; if so, gist of inspection reports in case of each bank; and

(c) what action was taken by the banks on these inspection reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI *DALBIR SINGH*): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has advised that they carried out inspections of the following banks on the dates mentioned there against during the year 1990 & 1991:

Name of the Bank	Date of Inspection
ANZ Grindlays Bank	FIN 25-05-1990
Standard Chartered Bank	FIN 25-01-1991
State Bank of India	AFR 31-03-1990 Management Audit 1991
State Bank of Saurashtra	AFR 31-03-1990 AFR 31-03-1991
Bank of Karad	FIN 29-06-1990

(AFR: ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW FIN: FINANCIAL INSPECTION) Reserve Bank of India conducts Financial Inspection (FIN) and Annual Financial Review (AFR) of Banks. The inspection reports are forwarded to the respective banks for their information and such corrective steps to be taken by them to bring about the desired improvements in banks working. RBI has intimated that detailed discussions were held with the concerned banks in regard to the inspection findings including the deficiencies in securities operations and the banks were clearly advised to comply with the Reserve Bank instructions.

बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में बौद्ध और जैन स्थलों का विकास

*492. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में बौद्ध और जैन स्थलों के विकास के लिए सरकार ने पर्यटन की कोई विशेष कार्य योजना बनाई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और उक्त दोनों राज्यों में जैन और बौद्ध पर्यटन स्थानों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया): (क) और (ख) जापान के विदेशी आर्थिक सहयोग कोष की सहायता से, बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश के राज्यों में बौद्ध परिपथ के विकास हेतु एक स्कीम कार्यान्वित की जा रही है । इस परियोजना में उत्तर प्रदेश में कुशीनगर, पिपरहवा, सारनाथ तथा श्रावस्ती और बिहार में बोध गया, नालन्दा, राजगीर

तथा वैशाली शामिल हैं। जैन स्थलों के लिए कोई विशिष्ट योजना नहीं है।

Private airlines operating on domestic routes

*493. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private airlines which are currently operating on domestic routes in India;

(b) what is the proportion of commercial business transacted by private airlines and the Indian Airlines; and

(c) whether Government have worked out the projected figures of increase in air traffic due to introduction of private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Seven air taxi operators are currently operating in the country.

(b) The proportion of commercial business transacted by air taxi operators, compared to Indian Airlines, is very small.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Private agency system for postal services

*494. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce private agency system for postal services so that every village in the country can have a small post office;

(b) if so, what are the details of such proposal;

(c) whether the agency system has already been tried in any State; and

(d) if so, what have been the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce any private agency system so that every village in the country has a post office.

However, the Government had launched a scheme of Licensed Postal Agents in urban areas in 1985 to sell stamps and to accept Registered Letters in addition to ordinary mail. The scheme was however discontinued from August, 1987. These Licensed Postal Agents were established in areas where no departmental post office could be opened due to the ban then in force. We have 187 such LPAs still working with us, who were appointed before 1987.

The Government have also experimented with the Panchayat Dak Sewak Scheme in 39 districts of India in 1988. In this scheme, a person selected by the local Panchayat was authorised to deliver the dak in the Panchayat village and he was paid an allowance of Rs. 150/- per month. His duty was to deliver the ordinary mail, to sell postage stamps and collect registered and ordinary mail from the people in his jurisdiction. Since the scheme was not popular and the Panchayat Dak Sewak was not able to generate much business or enthusiam the scheme was withdrawn from 1.7.1991.

Recruitment of Hindi Translator in National Airport Authority

*495. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that application were recently invited from the employees working in the National Airport Authority (Headquarter), New Delhi for the post of Hindi Translator in the pay scale of Rs. 1400-2600;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the post is reserved for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes or others; and

(d) what are the reasons for not inviting applications from the subordinate offices of the National Airport Authority?